



**SUBJECT: Amendment to Virginia Commercial Diving Standard**

**A. Purpose.**

This directive transmits amendments to the Virginia Commercial Diving Standard, 1910.430.

**B. Scope.**

This directive applies VOSH-wide.

**C. Action.**

The Assistant Commissioner, Directors, Supervisors and Field Personnel shall assure that Virginia employers comply with the requirements of the amendments to the Virginia Commercial Diving Standard, 1910.430.

The effective date for the amendments is February 2, 1987.

**D. Expiration Date.**

Not Applicable.

**E. Background.**

Federal OSHA adopted amendments to the Commercial Diving Standard, 29 CFR 1910.430, on September 18, 1986 (51 Fed. Reg. 33033). Federal Regulation 29 CFR 1953.23(a)(2) requires state plan states to adopt standards identical to, or at least as effective as, those of Federal OSHA. Virginia Code Section 40.1-22(5) reiterates this requirement for VOSH standards. Pursuant to Section 40.1-22(5) reiterates this requirement for VOSH standards. Pursuant to Section 40.1-22(5), the Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board adopted, without significant change, the amendments to the Virginia Commercial Diving Standard, 1910.430, on October 28, 1987. The effective date for the amendments is February 2, 1987.

**F. Summary.**

The amendment corrects a reference to the VOSH Standards on compressed gas cylinders and equipment to read "\$§1910.101 and 1910.169-171", instead of "\$§1910.166-171". Sections 1910.166-168 were deleted in 1984 (49 Fed. Reg. 5318) because they repeated provisions also found in 1910.101. As noted in the 1984 final rule, the removal of §§1910.166-168 was not intended to lessen employee protection in any way.

**[NOTE: The amendment has been added to the General Industry Standards and Interpretations Manual.]**

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